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REQUEST FOR STANDARDS ATTAINABILITY ANALYSIS (10997) - SGS-586-94

We have received your letter requesting an analysis of the cost and feasibility of attaining both the Colorado Statewide and Colorado Site-specific standards for surface and groundwater at both the Indiana Street boundary and the Operable Unit (OU) boundaries. We feel that this analysis will be vital to a meaningful resolution of Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARS) issues with the regulatory agencies. A conceptual level response will be provided by the 11th of November. In order to prepare a detailed response, as will be required to justify a reasonable outcome in the ARARS negotiations process, additional time and resources must be allocated. A funding source must be identified and funds reallocated. We request your support in these efforts.

Additionally, it appears most critical to address the issue of relaxing the unnecessarily stringent site-specific surface and groundwater standards. This should begin with meetings with the cities of Broomfield, Westminster, and Arvada to explore the possibility of obtaining non-opposition in light of the DOE commitment to the Option B diversion project. The next step would then be to request that the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission schedule a hearing to consider the request for changes. Finally, we recommend that the basis for the requested changes in standards be founded primarily on the availability of a much broader understanding of the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site and a more extensive data set than the data set considered in the original and subsequent rulemakings. This would enable utilization of the Clean Water Act exemption to anti-backsliding on the basis of "standard set in error", rather than a direct challenge to state authority.

Please direct any questions to Mark Levin, Environmental Operations Management (EOM), Program Support, at extension 8580.

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